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DCARML-010 Attorney Docket No. UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION Daniel T. Carmichael First Inventor IMPROVED LIFTING SLING HAVING A TENACIOUS COATING WITH METHODS OF MANUFACTURING AND MONITORING THE SAME **TRANSMITTAL** (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label FR354351421119

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